

CLTS and CCOP Video Transcript

My name is Lynn Havemann, and I'm a family navigator at the Waisman Center. Today, we are talking about the Children's Long Term Support Program, also known as CLTS, and the Children's Community Options Program, also known as CCOP. We will call them CLTS and CCOP for the rest of this video. We're going to answer these questions.

What are CLTS and CCOP?

Why are CLTS and CCOP helpful?

What else is important to know about CLTS and CCOP?

How do you connect with CLTS and CCOP?

Where can you learn more about CLTS and CCOP?

First, let's answer the question **what are the Children's Long Term Support Program and Children's Community Options Program?**

Both CLTS and CCOP are programs that provide funding for services that aren't covered by private insurance or Medicaid. These supports and services help a child with a disability, live their best life in their home and community. These programs are run at the county level. Sometimes this is the County Human Services Department. Sometimes it's a different organization. Whoever runs the CLTS program for your county is called the County Waiver Agency. In addition to funding to pay for supports and services, both programs include a case manager, known as a service coordinator. A service coordinator can help you find resources and use the funding that comes with CLTS and CCOP. This person will get to know your family and your child.

Now, let's talk about **why CLTS and CCOP are helpful.**

As you work with your service coordinator to create goals and personalize your child services, the focus will be helping your child to reach their full potential. The services and supports your child receives might be different than what another child receives because they have different needs. Some common services or items that may be paid for include respite care, sensory items, safety products, recreational activities, and adaptive equipment, but there are many other options as well.

What else is important to know about CLTS and CCOP?

To be eligible for CLTS and CCOP, your child must have a diagnosed disability and meet criteria on a functional screen. County waiver agency staff use information from you and your child's medical records to complete the functional screen. You know your child has many

strengths, but county waiver agency staff need to know about the extra help your child needs. When you apply for CLTS and CCOP, be honest. Think about what you or others have to do to help them each day. Think about what you would have to tell someone caring for your child who doesn't know them as well as you do. Your child must be eligible for a Wisconsin Medicaid program to apply for CLTS. County waiver agency staff can talk with you about the different types of Medicaid if your child isn't enrolled already. If your child is not eligible for a Wisconsin Medicaid program, they can still apply for CCOP. CCOP does have more limited funding and services than CLTS. The other important thing we want families to know is you may not fully understand these programs until you have some time and experience with them. They can seem complicated, but are really helpful supports.

How do you apply for CLTS and CCOP?

To apply for CLTS or CCOP, you may contact your County's waiver agency. Intake staff will talk with you and gather records to complete a functional screen as part of determining eligibility. It is important to have copies of medical records, as well as your child's records from the Birth to Three program, school, or outpatient therapies when you apply. If you don't have these reports, the County waiver agency staff will ask you to sign releases to get the information they need. If your child is found eligible, some counties have a delay before your child can be enrolled and start receiving services. County waiver agency staff can talk to you more about this.

Finally, where can you learn more?

Please see the resource links in the video details. All of these resources are available through the QR code on this screen. Thanks for joining us today, and we look forward to seeing you next time.